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ZION GROVE CHURCH
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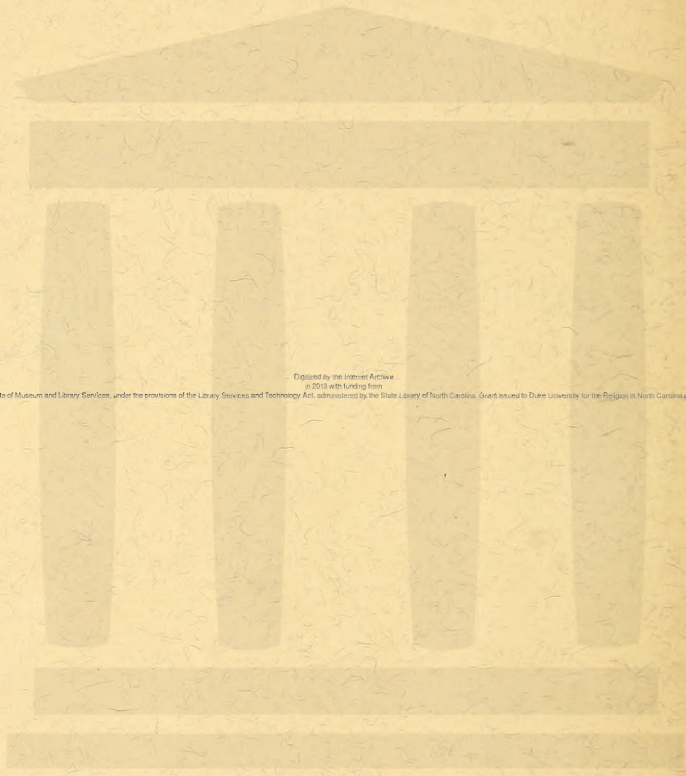

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Proceedings

OF THE SIXTY-FIFTH ANNUAL SESSION OF THE PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CORRESPONDING ASSOCIATION, October 7, 8, 9, 1949.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

Elder Julian Collier arose and read for his morning lesson the 11th chapter of Hebrews, and sang hymn 364. Prayer by Elder John Hill. Elder Russell Collier was chosen to preach the Introductory Sermon He arose and sang hymn 387. Elder Julian Collier was chosen to preach the alternate sermon. He arose and sang hymn 353, and preached from the same text. Closing hymn 382. Dismissed by Elder John Hill. Contribution $18.60.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON BUSINESS SESSION

Elder Julian Collier arose and sang hymn 492. Prayer by Elder T. F. Piles. Elder Julian Collier arose and read for Friday afternoon session Psalms 130, and pronounced the Association conference now ready for the transaction of business.

Motion and agreed Elder Julian Collier was chosen Moderator of the Corresponding Association. Brother Charlie Dugger was chosen Clerk. Brother Mack Whitfield was chosen assistant Clerk. Brother King Lathom was chosen Association Treasurer.

Motion and agreed for the corresponding ministers and messengers from our sister Associations be invited to seat with us and take a part in conference, and feel themselves at home.

On motion and agreed the Committee on Arrangements of Preaching from day to day be appointed. The Moderator appointed Brother O. C. Clemon, Brother Eugene Collier, Brother King Lathom, and they report the following to preach at the stand: Brother Beach, Brother Dunkan, Elder I. H. Phelps, Elder T. F. Piles.

On motion and agreed the report of the Committee be received.

On motion and agreed, Brother James Keys be porter.

On motion and agreed the names of all the visiting delegates be enrolled.

On motion and agreed Finance Committee be appointed. The Moderator appointed Brother Mack Whitfield, Brother King Lathom, and Brother Curlie Collier.

On motion and agreed delegates from our sister Associations make their report.

Eastern Association—Represented by Elder T. F. Piles, who came forth with a file or Minutes stating they were in peace and love. Our next session will convene with St. Paul Church, Chester, Pa., Friday before the first Sunday in September, 1950, and was received by the Moderator extending the right hand of fellowship to the delegate.

Cobrun Association in Virginia—Represented by a letter and file of Minutes, and was received by the Moderator extending the right

Tar River Association—Represented by Eld. Richard Anderson, who hand of fellowship to the bearer.

came forth with a file of Minutes, stating they were in peace and love, and our next session will convene with Shiloh Church, Greenville, N. C., Friday before the third Sunday in October, 1949, was received by the Moderator extending the right hand of fellowship to the delegate.

Mt. Ramah Association in Georgia—Represented by Elder I. H. Phelp who came forth with a file of Minutes stating they were in peace and love and was received by the Moderator extending the right hand of fellowship to the delegate. Our next session will convene with the Church at Butler, Georgia, Friday before the fourth Sunday in October, 1949.

On motion and agreed there be a door opened for the reception of new churches in to this Association. No one came forth.

On motion and agreed the conference close until Saturday morning at 10:00 o'clock. Closing hymn 505. Dismissed by Elder I. H. Phelp.

FRIDAY EVENING PREACHING SERVICE

Elder Russell Collier arose and sang hymn 200. Prayer by Brother Eugene Collier. Brother Willie Beach arose and sang hymn 16, and chose for his text, John 1. Brother Gabel Dunkan arose and sang hymn 490, and chose for his text Genesis. Elder I. H. Phelps arose and sang hymn 353 and chose for his stand point Genesis. Elder T. F. Piles arose and sang hymn 411 and preached form the first chapter of Genesis. Closing hymn 505. Dismissed by Elder I. H. Phelps. Contribution $10.20.

SATURDAY MORNING BUSINESS SESSION

The Association was called to order by singing hymn 141. Prayer by Brother Lathom.

On motion and agreed to enter into business.

On motion and agreed the list of churches and names of visiting delegates be called and the Minutes of Friday session be read.

On motion and agreed the Minutes of Friday session be received.

On motion and agreed the Committe on Arrangments make their report as follows to preach at the stand: Brother Eugene Collier, Elder Staton, Elder Richard Anderson, Elder Leslie Blow, Elder T. F. Piles. Agreed the report of the Committee be received.

Motion, and agreed to take up unfinished business.

On motion and agreed to see where the next Association shall go in 1950. The following churches put in their petition: Wilson Chapel. It seemed to please the mind of the conference to give the next Association for 1950 to Wilson Chapel. Elder Dorcine Staton was chosen to preach the Introductory Sermon; Elder Julian Collier was chosen to preach the alternate sermon.

On motion and agreed corresponding and circular letters were called for. Same were read and received.

On motion and agreed Brother Charlie Dugger write the corresponding letter, and Brother Clemon to write the circular letter for 1950.

Motion and agreed to get out delegates to visit our sister Associations with whom we correspond.

Tar River Association—Agreed to send Elder Russell Collier Friday before the third Sunday in October, 1949.

The Cobru Association in Virginia agreed to send Elder Dorcine Staton to the Northeastern Association in Jersey.

Agreed to send Elder Russell Collier to the Union Association in Georgia.

Agreed to send a letter to the Mt. Ramah Association in Georgia.

Agreed to send a letter to the Antioch Association in Georgia.

Motion and agreed that the conference close until 2:00 o'clock.

SATURDAY MORNING PREACHING SERVICE

Elder Russell Collier arose and sang hymn 364. Prayer by Elder Amos Archie. Brother Eugene Collier arose and and sang hymn 383 and chose for his text the Hebrews 3:2. Elder Dorcine Staton arose and sang hymn 380 and preached from Psalms 90. Elder Richard Anderson arose and sang hymn 353, and chose for his text in the Psalms of David. Elder Leslie Blow arose sang hymn 689 and preached from Isaiah 2. Elder T. F. Piles arose and sang the third hymn, and took his stand point in Hebrews. Closing hymn 387. Dismissed by Elder T. F. Piles. Contribution $20.60.

SATURDAY AFTERNCON BUSINESS SESSION

The Association re-assembled at the usual hour. The Moderator arose and sang 395. Prayer by Brother O. C. Clemon. The Moderator stated the Association conference now ready for the transaction of business.

Motion and agreed the list of churches and names of visiting delegates be called and the Minutes of Saturday morning session be read. The same were read and received. Motion and agreed the Committee on Arrangements make their report. They reported as follows to preach at the stand: Brother O. C. Clemon, Elder G. Slade, Elder John Hill, Elder Russell Collier.

Motion and agreed the report of the Committee be received.

Motion and agreed the Finance Committee was directed to keep an accurate account of all money paid in and paid out during the sitting of this Association.

Motion and agreed to donate to the Moderator. On motion and agreed the Association take up her Association dues. The Finance make their report. Collected in this Association $178.50.

Motion and agreed the Association treasury be counted. Found in the hands of the Treasurer, none. Left in the hands of the Treasurer $62.50.

Motion and agreed the Clerk have 150 copies of these Minutes printed and distributed under the supervision of the Moderator.

Motion and agreed that the Association conference close until Friday before the second Sunday in October, 1950 at Wilson Chapel, Everetts, N. C. Prayer by Elder I. H. Phelps. Closing hymn 695.

SATURDAY EVENING PREACHING SERVICE

Elder Russell Collier arose and sang hymn No. 147. Prayer by Brother Dunkan. Brother O. C. Clemon arose and sang hymn 145, and chose for his text the fifth chapter of Jonah. Elder Guilford Slade arose and sang hymn No. 6, and chose for his text Matthew 2. Elder John Hill arose and sang hymn No. 6, and chose for his text in Matthew, If you hear of any man inquiring after Me, tell him to deny himself. Elder Russell Collier arose and sang hymn 144, and chose for his text Jonah 1:2. Elder T. F. Piles arose and sang hymn 618, and preached from the same text, preaching a powerful sermon. Closing hymn 689. Dismissed by Eld. T. F. Piles. Contribution $16.55.

CHURCHES

Wilson Chapel Zion Grove

VISITING DELEGATES

Wilson Chapel—Elder Julian Collier, Pastor. Brother Charlie Dugger, Clerk, Rt. 2, Robersonville, N. C. Deacons Brother O. C. Clemon, Brother Mack Whitfield, Everetts, N. C.

Zion Grove—Elder Julian Collier, Pastor. Brother Charlie Dugger, Clerk. Deacons Brother King Latham, and Brother Mack Whitfield.

ORDAINED MINISTERS AND ADDRESSES

Elder Julian Collier, Williamston, N. C.
Elder George W. Jones, Whiteboro, N. C.
Elder Henry Spruill, Parmelee, N. C.
Elder Russell Collier, Robersonville, N. C.
Elder Dorcine Staton, eBthel, N. C.

Licentiate:

Brother Willie Beach, Robersonville, N. C.

SUNDAY MORNING SESSION

The Moderator opened with song and prayer, using hymn 337. Prayer by Brother Mack Whitfield.

Motion and agreed to read the Minutes of Saturday evening session. Read and received.

The following were ordered to the stand to preach to the people: Elder Russell Collier sang hymn 689. Brother Dunkan arose and sang hymn 618, and chose for his text Romans 8:1. Brother Eugene Collier arose and sang 141, and chose for his text Romans 8.28. Elder Dor-

cine Staton arose and sang hymn 380, and preached a spiritual sermon. Elder Henry Spruill arose and preached from the 8th chapter of Romans. Elder John Moore arose and sang hymn 400, and chose for his text, John 1. Elder Richard Anderson arose and sang hymn 76, and chose for his text Romans 8. Elder Paton arose and sang hymn 202, and followed the same. Elder John Charles arose and sang hymn 3, and followed the same. Elder I. H. Phelps arose and sang hymn 384 and followed the same. Elder T. F. Piles arose and sang hymn 3 and took his text from the 8th chapter of Romans. Closing hymn 631. Dismissed by Elder Richard Anderson. Contribution $41.00

CORRESPONDING LETTER

This being the Sixty-Fifth Annual Session of the Primitive Baptist Corresponding Association to be held with the Zion Grove Church, Gold Point, North Carolina, Friday and Saturday before the second Sunday in October, 1949.

Dear Brothers: We are more than glad to think of how the good Lord has guided us through 1949 in peace and love. Though we have much hardship, we are still pressing on to see what the end will be. Jesus, if You will hold our hands, we will follow. Dear Brothers, pray for us that we may earnestly contend for the faith that was once delivered to the saints at Jerusalem. We are more than glad to have your ministers and delegates with us and take a part in our service.

Your servant in Christ, I trust,

BROTHER CHARLIE DUGGER

CIRCULAR LETTER

Dear brothers and sisters who compose the Sixty-Fifth Annual Session of the Corresponding Primitive Baptist Association to be held with the Zion Grove Primitive Baptist Church, October 8, 9, 10, 1949.

We are more than glad to know that the Lord saw us sitting down at this place before time, and has enabled us to met here in time in peace and love. We are more than glad to have your ministers and messengers from afar to meet with us once more on this side of the river. Now may the spirit of the Lord dwell with you all in peace and love. You are more than welcome in our homes.

Pray for us that we may contend for the same faith that was once delivered to the saints at Jerusalem.

M. C. WHITFIELD

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. We believe in one true and living God, and there are three persons in the Godhead, the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

2. We believe the scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the word of God, and the only rule of faith and practice.

3. We believe in the doctrine of eternal an dparticular election.

4. We believe in the doctrine of original sin.

5. We believe in the doctrine of man's impotency to recover himself from the fallen state by nature of his own free will and ability.

6. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God, only by the imputed righteousness of Christ.

7. We believe that God's elect shall be called, converted, and sanctified by the Holy Ghost.

8. We believe that the saints shall persevere in grace, and never finally fall away.

9. We blieve that baptism, the Lord's Supper, and washing the saints' feet are ordinances and that the true mode of baptism is by immersion.

10. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, and a general judgment.

11. We believe that the punishment of the wicked will be everlasting, and the joys of the righteous will be eternal.

12. We believe that no minister has the right to administer the ordinance of baptism and the Lord's Supper except such as are regularly called and come under the imposition of hands of a presbytery.

RULES OF DECORUM

1. The Asscciation will open and close with prayer.

2. The Moderator and Clerk shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present.

3. Only one person shall speak at a time who shall arise from his seat and address the Moderator when he is about to make a speech.

4. The person thus speaking shall not be interrupted in his speech by any but the Moderator until he is done speaking.

5. He shall strictly adhere to the subject and in on wise reflect upon the person who spoke before, so as to make remarks on his life, his failings or imperfections, and shall fairly state the case and matter as nearly as he can so as to convey his light and ideas.

6. No person shall abruptly break off, or absent himself from the Association without first obtaining liberty from the Association.

7. No person shall rise and speak more than three times on one subject without first obtaining liberty from the Association.

8. No member of this Association shall have the liberty of laughing during the sitting of same, nor whispering in time of speech.

9. No member of this Association shall address another member in the term or appellation other than that of Brother.

10. The Moderator shall not interrupt any brother in or prohibit him from speaking until he gives his light on the subject, except he

break the Rules of Decorum.

11. The names of the several members of this Association shall be enrolled by the Clerk and called as often as this Association requires.

12. The Moderator shall be the last person who shall speak on the subject, who may give his opinion if he choses, but shall have no vote unless the Association is equally divided.

13. No member of this Association shall join any secret order, and such shall be a violation of our faith and order, and shall be dealt with by their churches.

14. Any members who shall willingly and knowingly break any of these rules may be reproved by the Association as it may deem proper.

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES	MESSENGERS	Rec'd by Ex. & B	Rec'd by Letter	Dis. by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	Restored	Conf. of Faith	Membership	Contributions
Wilson Chapel	Brother Mack Whitfield, Brother King Latham	3						3	36	$60.00
Zion Grove	Brother King Latham, Brother Mack Whitfield								6	12.00